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Federal Opportunities

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program.

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces funds to assist state and local partners in building capacity to eliminate childhood lead poisoning as a major public health program. Eligible applicants include state health departments or their bona fide agents. The deadline for applications is March 24, 2003. Approximately \$31 million is available to fund 40 awards ranging from \$75,000-\$1,700,000. For further information, contact CDC's Technical Information Management at (770) 488-2700 or see www.cdc.gov. This grant program is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under Executive Order 12372.

Disability Rehabilitation Research Projects. *The Department of Education (DOED)* announces funds to improve the effectiveness of services authorized under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Eligible applicants include minority entities. The deadline for application is March 17, 2003. The maximum award amount is \$350,000. For further information, contact Donna Nangle at (202) 205-5880 or Donna.Nangle@ed.gov. This grant program is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under Executive Order 12372.

Drug Abuse and HIV Prevention in Youth. *The National Institutes of Health (NIH)* announces funds to fill the need for theory driven and research-based drug abuse-related HIV prevention interventions that will be effective in decreasing the incidence of HIV infection and AIDS in youth. Eligible applicants include for-profit or nonprofit organizations, public or private institutions, such as universities, hospitals,

laboratories, units of State and local government and faith-based or community-based organizations. The deadline for application is March 14, 2003. Approximately \$2 million is available. Due to the nature and scope of the program, size and duration of awards will vary. For further information, contact Gary Fleming at (301) 443-6710 or gffleming@mail.nih.gov.

Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program. *The Department of Education (DOED)/Office of Postsecondary Education* announces funds designed to effect long-range improvement in science and engineering education at predominantly minority institutions and to increase the flow of underrepresented ethnic minorities, particularly minority women, into scientific and technological careers. Eligible applicants include public and private nonprofit institutions of higher education; nonprofit science-oriented organizations, professional scientific societies, and institutions of higher education that award baccalaureate degrees; or consortia of organizations that provide needed services to one or more minority institutions. The deadline for application is March 17, 2003. The estimated amount of funds available is \$8.5 million to fund approximately 38 awards ranging from \$19,000-\$500,000. For further information, contact Kenneth Waters (202) 502-7586 or ken.waters@ed.gov; or Deborah Newkirk at (202) 502-7591 or deborah.newkirk@ed.gov; or Sophia McArdle at (202) 219-7078 or sophia.mcardle@ed.gov. This grant program is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under Executive Order 12372.

District Opportunities

Electronic Grants Clearinghouse. *The DC Office of Partnerships and Grants Development* is the clearinghouse for the Government of the District of Columbia's grant programs. Notices and application packets are still available at http://opgd.dc.gov/info/grant/funding_grants/index.shtml for the following notices:

The Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, Commercial Property and Acquisition Program, due February 18, 2003.

Foundation Opportunities

Hunger Relief. *The Bonner Foundation's* Crisis Ministry Program provides grants to religious, community-based hunger relief programs. The mission of the program is to provide food for the hungry while encouraging congregations to build community relationships and strengthen their outreach programs by actively addressing the underlying causes of their clients' hunger. Eligible applicants community-based crisis ministry programs that are sponsored by a congregation or a coalition of congregations, which show a strong initiative in leadership in the fight against hunger and related issues in their community. The deadline for applications is March 1, 2003. Grants range between \$2,000 and \$10,000. For more information on the program, eligibility requirements, and the application process, see: <http://www.bonner.org/faithbased/crisisministry.htm>.

Innovation in Teaching. *The NEA Foundation for the Improvement of Education (NFIE)* makes Innovation Grants in support of collaborative efforts by two or more colleagues to develop and implement creative and unique ideas that result in high student achievement. Innovative ideas that focus on closing the achievement gap for underserved students are particularly encouraged. Eligible applicants include practicing US public school teachers in grades K-12, public school education support professionals, or higher education faculty and staff at public colleges and universities. Preference will be given to members of the National Education Association and to applicants who serve economically disadvantaged students. Applications may be submitted at any time; notification will be made within seven months

of receipt of the application. Up to 250 grants in the amount of \$2,000 each will be made each year. Grant funds may be used for resource materials, supplies, equipment, transportation, software, or professional development necessary to implement the innovative idea. For more information on eligibility requirements and application procedures, see: <http://www.nfie.org/programs/grantguides.htm>.

Massage Therapy. *The American Massage Therapy Association Foundation's* Community Service grants are awarded to organizations that seek to provide innovative programs that bring massage therapy to marginalized populations such as poor people, immigrants, or those with HIV/AIDS. Eligible applicants include 501(c)(3) organizations that can provide massage therapy to a population in need and that have existed at least one year. The deadline for applications is April 1, 2003. Awards range from \$500-\$5,000. For more information on the program, eligibility requirements, and application procedures, see: <http://www.amtafoundation.org/index.html>.

Social Change. *The Funding Exchange (FEX)* is accepting applications for its three "OSD" grant programs: the OUT Fund for Lesbian and Gay Liberation, an activist-advised fund that supports radical organizing projects designed to build community among lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transsexuals, and transgender and inter-sex people; the Saguaro Fund, an activist-advised fund that supports organizing projects primarily serving and led by communities of color; and the Grantmaking Docket, a donor-advised program that supports community-based organizing around a variety of issues. Eligible applicants include organizations or programs that are either have 501(c)(3) status or have established a relationship with a fiscal sponsor with IRS tax-exempt status. The deadline for applications is March 1, 2003. OUT and Saguaro grants generally range from \$5,000 to \$20,000. Programs selected for a Docket grant will receive funding as available. For more information on the programs, eligibility, and grant application guidelines, see: http://www.fex.org/2.3_grantmakingindex.html.

Resources & Announcements

Advancing Youth Development. *The DC Children and Youth Investment Trust Corporation* is offering a professional development training for DC Youth

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Workers. This seven session course provides critical skills, "best practices," and a supportive network for people working with District youth aged 10-18. The classes will be held at the Shiloh Baptist Church, 1500 9th Street, NW, from 9am-2pm on February 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27 and March 4. See www.cyitc.org or call (202) 347-4441 for details and applications. The class size is limited to 30 participants. The deadline for registration is February 6.

AmeriCorps*National Program Grant Orientation. *The US Corporation for National and Community Service (CNS)* is offering eGrants Orientation Conference Calls for nonprofit organizations interested in applying for an AmeriCorps*National Program Grant. These training telecons will provide an orientation on the basic functions and operations of the eGrants application system. Call dates include:

February 3, 1-3pm est
February 7, 1:30-3:30pm est
February 19, 1-3pm est
February 20, 2-4pm est

All calls will cover the same content and will have a limit of 8 participants. To register, select one of the dates mentioned above and contact Sueko Kumagai at skumagai@cns.gov or (202) 606-5000 x 418. You must respond no later than five days prior to your selected call. For more information on the eGrants system, go to: <http://www.nationalservice.org/egrants>.

Class for New Nonprofits. *The Foundation Center* is offering a free training, "Before You Seek a Grant: A Checklist for New Nonprofits." This course is geared towards representatives of community groups without nonprofit status or new nonprofits with very little experience in grantseeking in general. This session will provide you with a step-by-step checklist approach to help you establish your organization and determine your own readiness for foundation fundraising. Sessions will be offered from 12:00pm – 1:30pm on February 21 and March 7 at the Foundation Center, 1627 K Street, NW, Third Floor, Washington, DC 20006. Register online at: <http://www.fdncenter.org/washington/beforedc.html> or by calling (202) 331-1400.

Environmental Loan Fund. *The Environmental Support Center* provides low-interest loans and technical assistance to help grassroots environmental organizations stabilize, diversify, and increase the long-term funding base they need to succeed. Appropriate projects include: membership development; donor development; special events; workplace giving; mission-related business enterprises; other long-term income producing projects; and capital campaign work. Borrowers must be 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations with a portion of resources devoted to environmental issues. The next deadline for applications is March 15, 2003. To find out more about this program and eligibility requirements, see: www.envsc.org.

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